

AGENDA
MEETING OF NATIONAL FFA BOARDS
OF STUDENT OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS
Kansas City, Mo.

Oct - 1960

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3. Old Business
 - a. Review appeals for American Farmer Degree
 - b. Additional Honorary American Farmer Degrees
4. Texas recommendation on American Farmer application
5. Consideration of proposed amendment to Constitution -
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 - b. Review program - Gray
 - c. Staff responsibilities - Gray
 - d. National officer duties - Thomas
 - e. Courtesy Corps
 - f. Ushers - H. Taylor
 - g. Plans for officer tryouts - Crews
 - h. Public Speaking - Gray (K)
 - i. American Farmer Ceremony - Naugher
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 - p. Donors' Reception - Spanton
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MINUTES

Mr. Gray

JOINT MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS
AND DIRECTORS OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Kansas City, Missouri
October 9-10, 1960

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The meeting of the Board of Student Officers and Board of Directors of the Future Farmers of America was called to order at 9:00 a.m., in Room 741 of the Hotel President, Kansas City, Missouri, by Dr. W. T. Spanton, Chairman. Board members present, in addition to Dr. Spanton, included:

Board of Directors

Mr. Bob E. Taylor, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Phoenix, Arizona;
Mr. Walter Jacoby, Consultant, Agricultural Education, Hartford, Connecticut;
Mr. H. B. Taylor, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Indianapolis, Indiana;
Mr. W. E. Gore, State Supervisor, Agricultural Education, Columbia, South Carolina;
Mr. E. J. Johnson; Mr. R. E. Naugher; Mr. H. N. Hunsicker; and Mr. Harold F. Duis, all of the Office of Education, Washington, D. C.

Board of Student Officers

Jim Thomas, National FFA President, Patterson, Georgia;
Joe H. Hughes, Jr., National FFA Vice President, Duncan, South Carolina;
Richard Poor, National FFA Vice President, Neosho, Missouri;
Dean Hoffer, National FFA Vice President, Manheim, Pennsylvania;
Jack Crews, National FFA Vice President, Cheyenne, Wyoming; and
Kenney Earl Gray, National FFA Student Secretary, Dorsey, Mississippi.

Mr. Wm. Paul Gray, National FFA Executive Secretary, and Mr. R. E. Bass, National FFA Treasurer, were also present.

Before presenting the first item of business on the agenda, the Chairman introduced Mr. Jay B. Dillingham, President of the American Royal Association; and Mr. George R. Shepherd, General Manager of the American Royal Association. These gentlemen told of proposed plans for the expansion of facilities at the American Royal. The present buildings were constructed many years ago and have long since become inadequate. Under the proposed plans, several of the present buildings will be razed, to make way for new ones. A new coliseum will be erected, as well as new and improved facilities for judging events. Adequate parking space will also be provided. They pointed out that these new facilities should prove beneficial to members of the FFA in conducting their annual judging events. Members of the Boards thanked Messrs. Dillingham and Shepherd for their thoughtfulness in appearing before the Boards and acquainting them with these proposals.

Plans for
expansion
at American
Royal

Proposal
for new
FFA Building
in Kansas City

Mr. Max W. Foresman, of the Spencer Chemical Company, in Kansas City, was also introduced and spoke of an idea -- not yet in the actual planning stage -- to build a new permanent FFA Building in Kansas City. This building would be available to FFA members for conferences, meetings, and perhaps even their National Conventions, with some facilities for over-night guests. It is estimated that it would cost approximately \$2 million with funds to be provided by donors to the FFA Foundation. Mr. Foresman expressed his willingness to "get the ball rolling". The Board members thanked Mr. Foresman, but took no formal action.

Approval of
previous
minutes

It was moved by Richard Poor, seconded by Dean Hoffer and carried, that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting be dispensed with and the minutes be accepted as previously mimeographed and distributed. It was moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bob Taylor and carried, that the action of the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Reports of
Regional
Representatives

Dr. Spanton called for reports from the four regional representatives on the Board, concerning any matters they wished to present from their respective regions. None of the Board members had anything to report since the July meeting, with the exception of Mr. Jacoby who stated that he would like to recommend the rewording of a certain paragraph on the new Foundation form to be used for the "Establishment in Farming" awards. Dr. Spanton stated that this matter would be discussed later during the Board meeting.

Dr. Spanton next presented the names of two persons to be considered by the Boards for the Honorary American Farmer Degree. They were: Mr. Hilmer Nelson, of East Weymouth, Massachusetts, who has rendered invaluable service to the FFA in organizing and assisting in conducting judging contests for the twelve States in the North Atlantic Region, at the Eastern States Exposition; and Mr. Brooks McCormick, Executive Vice President of the International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois, a speaker at the 1960 National FFA Convention.

Hilmer Nelson -
Honorary
American
Farmer
Degree

It was moved by Dean Hoffer, seconded by Kenney Gray and carried, that Mr. Hilmer Nelson, of East Weymouth, Massachusetts, be recommended to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree. It was moved by Mr. Gore, seconded by Mr. Jacoby and carried, that the action taken by the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Brooks
McCormick -
Honorary
American
Farmer
Degree

It was moved by Kenney Gray, seconded by Richard Poor and carried, that Mr. Brooks McCormick, Executive Vice President, International Harvester Company, Chicago, Illinois, be recommended to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree. It was moved by Mr. Jacoby, seconded by Mr. Bob Taylor and carried, that the action taken by the Board of Student Officers be sustained.

Emmett
O'Brien
to receive
Honorary
American
Farmer
Degree
next year

It was reported that because of illness, Mr. Emmett O'Brien, State Director of Vocational Education, Hartford, Connecticut, would be unable to attend the National FFA Convention to receive his Honorary American Farmer Degree. It was agreed that because of the circumstances involved, Mr. O'Brien should be granted the Honorary American Farmer Degree next year. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Recommendation,
by Texas, for
alternate
applications
for the
American
Farmer Degree

The next matter for consideration was a recommendation, submitted by the State of Texas, that a State be permitted to submit applications for two alternate candidates for the American Farmer Degree, in addition to the full quota for the State. These applications would then be considered in case any of the original candidates were not recommended to receive the American Farmer Degree. This matter was discussed, but it was pointed out that such a change would necessitate an amendment to the National FFA Constitution. Since this matter was not submitted as a proposed amendment to the National FFA Constitution, no action could be taken by the Boards at this time.

The next matter on the agenda was consideration of a proposed amendment to the National FFA Constitution, submitted by the Nebraska Association of FFA. The proposed amendment referred to Article V, "Active Membership - Degrees and Privileges", Section D, "State Farmer Degree", Paragraph 2, and read as follows:

"Must have satisfactorily completed at least two years of instruction in Vocational Agriculture, have in operation an outstanding program of supervised farming, and be regularly enrolled in a Vocational Agriculture class, or, if out of high school, have satisfactorily completed at least three years of instruction in Vocational Agriculture or all of the Vocational Agriculture offered in the school last attended."

This proposed amendment was discussed at length by the members of the Boards.

Recommendation
to adopt pro-
posed amendment
to National FFA
Constitution,
submitted by
Nebraska Ass'n.

It was moved by Dean Hoffer, seconded by Richard Poor and carried, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the delegate body that the proposed amendment to the National FFA Constitution, submitted by the Nebraska Association of FFA, be adopted. It was moved by Mr. Duis, seconded by Mr. Bob Taylor and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in reviewing plans for the 1960 National Convention, and the specific duties assigned to each member of the two Boards.

The meeting was recessed at 5:30 p.m.

October 10

The meeting was reconvened at 9:00 a.m., in Room 741 of the President Hotel, in Kansas City, Missouri, all members of both Boards being present.

The first item for consideration was an appeal, submitted by the Kansas Association of FFA, to reconsider the application of Lyle B. Barnes, of Piedmont, Kansas, for the American Farmer Degree. This candidate was not recommended by the Boards of Student Officers and Directors at their July, 1960, meeting to receive the Degree, because he did not have ten different kinds of leadership activities listed in his application under the heading "Leadership and Cooperative Activities".

Review of
rejected
application
for the
American
Farmer
Degree -
Kansas

Mr. Frank Carpenter, State FFA Executive Secretary, and Mr. Harold J. Shoaf, Assistant Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture in Kansas, appeared before the Boards on behalf of the candidate to offer further explanations concerning the rejected application.

After careful review of the application and the explanations offered, it was moved by Kenney Gray, and seconded by Jack Crews, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that the appeal of Lyle B. Barnes' application for the American Farmer Degree be accepted. The student chairman called for a vote on the motion. The result: "Aye" 2; "No" 2; (1 abstention). The chairman voted "Aye" and the motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Duis, and seconded by Mr. Johnson, to sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers. After further discussion on the matter, the chairman of the Board of Directors called for a vote on the motion. The result: "Aye" 3; "No" 4; (1 abstention); and the motion lost.

Kansas
application -
cont'd.

It was then moved by Kenney Gray, seconded by Dean Hoffer and carried, that the Board of Student Officers reconsider their action with respect to the application of Lyle Barnes for the American Farmer Degree. In the discussion which followed, the Board of Student Officers voted, unanimously, to reject the appeal submitted on behalf of Lyle Barnes. It was moved by Mr. Bob Taylor, seconded by Mr. Naugher and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

It was stated that perhaps the application form for the American Farmer Degree should suggest that more than the minimum of ten leadership activities be listed by the candidate when submitting his application form, from which list the ten best could be selected.

Dr. Spanton then announced that the Missouri Association of FFA had requested permission to appeal the decision of the Boards, at their July meeting, in rejecting the application for the American Farmer Degree, submitted by Donald Dean Bradley, of R.R. #1, Diamond, Missouri. This candidate was not recommended to receive the Degree because of errors in his application. Mr. Carl M. Humphrey, State FFA Advisor, appeared before the Boards to offer further evidence and explanations concerning these errors, which appeared to be typographical.

Review of
rejected
application
for the
American
Farmer Degree -
Missouri

After careful review of the application and the explanations offered, it was moved by Dean Hoffer, that the Board of Student Officers recommend to the Board of Directors that the appeal of Donald Dean Bradley's application for the American Farmer Degree be rejected. This motion lost for the lack of a second.

It was then moved by Jack Crews, seconded by Kenney Gray and carried, that the Board of Student Officers accept the appeal and that the application of Donald Dean Bradley for the American Farmer Degree be accepted, and so recommend to the Board of Directors.

It was moved by Mr. Harold Taylor, and seconded by Mr. Naugher, that the action taken by the Board of Student Officers be sustained. Considerable discussion followed, after which the chairman of the Board of Directors called for a vote on the motion. The result: "Aye" 1; "No" 6; (1 abstention). The motion failed and the repeal was rejected.

Summarization
of observations
made by National
FFA Officers
during visits
to States

Next, a discussion was held concerning observations made by the National FFA Officers during their visits to the States and their attendance at State FFA Conventions. It was moved by Richard Poor, seconded by Joe Hughes and carried, that the observations made by the National FFA Officers in connection with their participation in State FFA Conventions, be summarized and mailed to the State Associations of FFA. It was moved by Mr. Jacoby, seconded by Mr. Bob Taylor and carried, that the Board of Directors sustain the action taken by the Board of Student Officers.

The next matter for discussion concerned the proposed wording, to be included in Part I on the revised application form for Regional and National "Establishment in Farming" Foundation Awards, with reference to the Student's Total Supervised Farming Program By Years. Present plans call for a statement similar to that at the top of Page 2 of the "Application for American Farmer Degree".

Change in
wording -
Revised form
for "Establish-
ment in Farming"
Foundation
Awards

Members of the two Boards discussed this matter at some length. It was moved by Mr. Hunsicker, seconded by Mr. Jacoby and carried, that on the revised application form for Regional and National "Establishment in Farming" Foundation Awards, Part I - "Student's Total Supervised Farming Program By Years" be reworded to read as follows:

"An applicant must list his total farming program by years, indicating each productive enterprise as to kind, scope, and percentage owned. Applicant's share of credits, debits, and labor income must be reported for each individual enterprise, or for all enterprises combined where records are kept on a farm account basis." ---

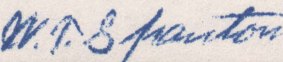
with the same change to be made on the "Application for American Farmer Degree" as soon as feasible.

Mr. Gray announced that the revised form, referred to above, would be printed and available soon.

It was also announced that plans are being made to conduct a National Leadership Training Conference next Spring or early Summer.

There being no further business to come before the Boards, the meeting was adjourned.


Wm. Paul Gray, Secretary


W. T. Spanton, Chairman